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Mid-SEASON DREAMS

by MARV ROSEN, JOE NAIMAN AND
GREG EICHELBERGER

One thing all the coaches in the Grossmont League seem to agree upon is that the league is the toughest in the county.

As Grossmont High School's first year coach Rob Phillips noted, it is not unusual to see as many as four of the league's teams in the top 10 rankings in the county. He noted that Christian High School added another strong team to East County.

Phillips, whose team was undefeated in league and ranked first in the county, was pleasantly surprised by the team doing better than he had expected.

Following two pre-league

trouble getting untracked.

Schniepp, who has been at Helix for 10 years, said that prior to the season, he had expected the team to be among the top five in the county.

He still was optimistic that the team could right itself and win the South and have a strong shot at the CIF title.

One reason for the coach's expectation was that he considered his pitching staff the deepest in the league. He hoped it would have been able to pitch more shutouts than achieved. Mike McHugh, a right hander who Schniepp said was one of the hardest throwers in the county, has not

been playing in the first half. He noted that the team has been very inconsistent in making routine defensive plays.

However, he still feels that the team could be quite good by season end. He said that pitching has been the team's strong point, especially behind the right hander Eric Becker who he said throws hard with good control.

"We've been hitting the ball well," he said, "and scoring a lot of runs, but the opponents probably score more, too."

On offense, he noted that Marcus Hawkins has begun to hit well, raising his average by more than .60 points over the previous few games, up to .340. He also leads the team in home runs and RBIs.

Lombardi said he thought that his catcher, Adam Higbee is the best defensive player in that position in the league who has thrown out more than 68 percent on stolen bases attempts.

Despite the fact that Mount Miguel had its best start in the schools history, winning its first four games, the team's record in league (1-5 at the midpoint) once again shows the strength of the Grossmont League. Coach Sean Seibel, now in his third year, felt that in any other league in the county, the Matadors could be among the leaders.

One problem the coach noted is the lack of much youth baseball in the school's area. Seibel noted that each year that he has been at the school the team has gotten better.

He felt the players were learning to be a team, doing the little things that are necessary in baseball to win. He added that the young team is starting to get more motivated as they gain experience.

Seibel felt that right-handed pitcher Andre Simpson is among the top 10 in the county in pitching statistics, and has the potential to be one of the best in the county.

His top defender is third year catcher Joel Thomas. He added that Brian Wilson, senior left fielder, and sophomore first baseman Mike Balsley have been hitting quite well.

Led by the batting prowess of Travis Dennis, Jason Canaris, Tim Collin and Steve Brown, and the hurling exploits of Jared Yokley and Travis Bays, the Santana Sultans have surprised everyone, edging El Capitan for second place.

Not that their record is so



El Capitan's Paul Warfield can't quite avoid the tag of Santana third baseman Donnie Lewis on an infield grounder during key North Grossmont League April 29 game which saw the visiting Sultans win a see-saw game, 9-8, at El Cap.

Photo by Marv Rosen

wins over defending state champions Fountain Valley and a win over nationally rated Green Valley of Las Vegas, Grossmont has been listed in the top 10 in two national polls. Phillips, however, discounted such rankings as purely arbitrary.

He said that one of the reasons for the team's position was the play of Ryan Lehr, the team's third baseman who was hitting just under .500 with 20 RBIs (runs batted in). Lehr holds the league record for most hits in a season.

The coach also singled out catcher Beau Craig whom he considers the best defensive catcher in the league. Craig was hitting .420 with 20 RBIs at the time of the interview.

On the flip side of that coin is Helix, which has not performed up to coach Jerry Schniepp's expectations.

Like the professional Padres, the team is having

done as well as hoped.

On the field, the coach noted that Aurelio Jackson, the team's leading hitter and base-stealer, is an outstanding shortstop.

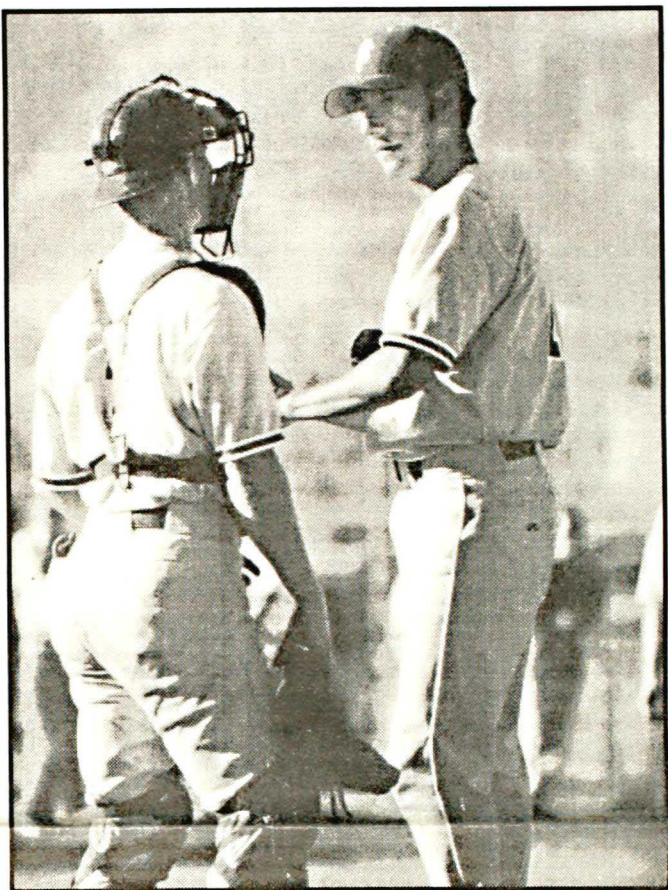
At the mid-point of the season, Monte Vista was in its accustomed position on the top of the South with a 5-1 record.

Coach Mark Smelko was happy with the performance of a squad which had lost a lot through graduation. He said the team has a very young pitching staff but, obviously, is moving in the right direction.

The team's offensive strong points are Leo Daigle who had a .430 average and was leading the county in home runs with 11 and shortstop Brooks Conrad who had five homers to go with a .450 batting average.

Smelko felt that righthander Dan Hulser and lefty Royce Ring were his top pitchers.

Valhalla's first year coach, John Lombardi is somewhat disappointed in how his team has



Foothillers' catcher Beau Craig confers with hurler Adam Diaz late in a game against El Capitan. Grossmont won the North Conference contest, 9-4.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

spectacular (4-3, 11-11, as of this writing), but have managed to pull out some clutch wins, a tribute to coach Jerry Henson's faith in his charges.

That confidence, however, has failed to translate into victories over the top-ranked East County school, Grossmont, which has won 10-3 and 8-2.

West Hills may not win the title, but they've won plenty of hearts with their sterling play this season. The hardballers are only 4-14-2, and have long been out of the post-season race.

Cory Switzer, Scott Mehaffie, Stephen Howard and Jason Hammond have provided the offensive punch for the Wolf Pack, while their starting pitching, led by Switzer, has been inconsistent all year.

El Capitan's Steve Vickery said his team's strengths and weaknesses are offense and pitching. The Vaquero bats win games by scores of 8-6, 21-0 and 10-7, but the tossing has let them down time and time again, with losses of 9-5 to Grossmont and a heartbreaking failure against West Hills, 7-5.

"At the start of the season, we were giving up three or four runs a game," said Vickery, in his 14th year as head coach. We're surrendering eight and nine, making it a battle to score enough runs to win, he added.

The Vags are led by Brett Caradonna (one of the top 50 prep players in the country), Brian Doerr, Travis Kane, Paul

Wardell, Mario Knorr and a host of others. Their pitching is anchored by Wardell, Ted Nelson, Randy Perez and Keith Smith.

Keeping El Cap competitive is its defense, turning a school record 25 double plays.

"Every team in East County's loaded," said El Cajon Valley High School coach Ferdy Reed.

Youth and competition have been an obstacle to the team's record, which is still a respectable 10-12 with five games left in the season.

El Cajon includes two left-handers who serve as both left-handed pitchers catchers. "Blows everybody away until they start throwing guys out," said Reed.

Catcher Joe Kennedy leads the county in hitting with a .521 average and is second in the county with 72 strikeouts; he has 1.95 earned run average and a 6-3 record. Sophomore Brandon Ostberg, batting .333 and 40 strikeouts in 30 innings pitched.

Center fielder Cammy Burgess leads the county with 22 stolen bases. "Probably the fastest runner in the county," said Reed. El Cajon is batting .330 as a team.

Although Christian High School is in the Harbor League, it has also exceeded expectations. According to Athletic Director Jan Hethcock, we've got a good coach, good assistant coaches, good team spirit, good unity, morale and are putting it together.

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Mueller, et ux, Recorded December 12, 1947 in Book 2578, Page 453 of Official Records; Thence along the Boundary of Said Mueller's Land North 89° 10' 00" East, 150.00 Feet to an Angle Point Therein and South 00° 50' 00" East, 11.14 Feet to an Angle Point Therein and the True Point of Beginning; Thence Continuing along the Boundary of Said Mueller's Land North 89° 10' 00" East to an Intersection with the Westerly Line of the Easterly 20.00 Feet of Said Lot 8. The Northerly Line of Said 10.00 Foot Strip to Be Shortened So as to Terminate in the Westerly Line of the Easterly 20.00 Feet of Said Lot 8. Excepting Therefrom That Portion Lying Within the Hereinabove Described Parcel A. PARCEL C: An Easement for Road Purposes over the Westerly 20.00 Feet of That Portion of Lot 6 of Berryland, in the City of Lemon Grove, County of San Diego, State of California, According to Map Thereof No. 1753, Filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, April 2, 1923, Lying Southerly of the Easterly Prolongation of the Northerly Line of Parcel B Hereinabove Described. PARCEL D: An Easement for Water, Gas and Sewer Pipelines, Power and Telephone Lines and Road Purposes Over, Under, upon and Across the Easterly 20.00 Feet of That Portion of Lot 8 of Berryland, in the City of Lemon Grove, County of San Diego, State of California, According to Map Thereof No. 1753, Filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, April 2, 1923 Lying Southerly of the Easterly Prolongation of the Northerly Line of Parcel B Hereinabove Described. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$118,796.00. Payment must be by cash, a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1912 SHIRLEY LANE, LEMON GROVE, CA 92045. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Beneficiary: BANK OF AMERICA NT & SA, FORECLOSURE/BANKRUPTCY DEPT., ATTN: PETER R. 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 Area: 3.75 sq. mi.
 Median income: \$34,399
 1996-97 city budget: \$26.3 million
 1996 taxable sales: \$265 million
 Mayor: Mary Teresa Sessom
 Council: Thomas Clabby
 Craig Lake
 Dwight Shelley
 Jeff Jandura

City Manager: Doug Yount
 Planning Director: Jim Butler
 City Attorney: Gloria McLean
 City Clerk: Christine Taub
 Sheriff's Capt.: Yolanda Collins
 Fire Chief: Dale Chamberlain
 Congressional district:
 52nd - Duncan Hunter
 State Senate district:
 40th - Steve Peace
 State Assembly district:
 77th - Steve Baldwin
 Supervisorial district:
 2nd - Dianne Jacob
 High school:

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 Post offices: 1
 Parks: 4
 Recreation centers: 1

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Young musicians to perform

Two East County residents, Derek Polischuk and Victoria Bietz, members of the San Diego Youth Symphony will be performing as a part of "Children Helping Children" fund-raising event to benefit the San Diego Center for Children and the Childrens Action League.

Polischuk a pianist, and Bietz, a violinist, will be featured soloists at the event which will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.

The evening begins with a social hour followed by dinner and the concert. The symphony will be directed by its new conductor, Jeff Edmons and KNSD newscaster, Clark Anthony will emcee.

The San Diego Center for Children is the county's longest-established, non-profit facility for children who have complex emotional, social or developmental disorders that require residential, day or outpatient treatment and education.

Proceeds will be used to fund the completion of a special care and research center on the center's campus and a licensed, accredited day-care center on the campus of the Hamilton Achievement Academy, sponsored by the Childrens Action League.

Patron tickets for the event are \$125 and general tickets are \$75. For more information or reservations call Karen Berney at 481-6320 or Else Weston at 755-1173.

Lemon Grove Fire Log

April 25, 1997 through May 1, 1997

8000 blk. Broadway. Assault victim.
 8200 blk. Palm St. Illegal burn.
 1700 blk. Skyline Dr. Seizure.
 Hwy 94 EB/Spring St. Freeway/accident/rescue.
 2400 blk. Bonita St. Diabetic problem.
 3200 blk. Kempf St. Assault victim.
 1700 blk. Colfax Dr. Medical aid.
 2200 blk. Alton Pl. Vegetation fire.
 7500 blk. Cuyamaca St. Knife wound/stabbing.
 3600 blk. Olive St. Chest pains.
 7500 blk. North Ave. Possible coroner's case.
 2100 blk. Main St. Diabetic problem.
 7500 blk. Church St. Medical aid.
 7100 blk. West View Pl. Overdose.
 2300 blk. Main St. Vaginal bleeding.
 3200 blk. Man St. Suicide/attempted suicide.
 2000 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Traffic accident.
 7700 blk. Broadway. Assault victim.
 MacArthur Dr./San Miguel Ave. Vehicle accident.
 1400 blk. Arthur Neal Ct. Bleeding.
 Lansing Dr./Skyline Dr. Traffic accident.
 2300 blk. Camino Del Las Palmas. Abdominal pains.
 8400 blk. Palm St. Fall.
 6400 blk. Mac Arthur Dr. Vegetation fire.
 3700 blk. Hilltop Dr. Medical aid.

Sheriff's Log

April 21, 1997

2000 blk. Siegle Dr. Residential burglary. \$370 value.

April 22, 1997

2200 blk. Washington Ave. Auto theft. \$2,000 value.

April 24, 1997

7500 blk. Mt. Vernon. Auto theft. \$2,000 value.

April 25, 1997

8700 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. \$1,700 value.

April 25-26, 1997

8000 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$40 value.

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Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger



Greetings. Sad tidings indeed this week, especially when we're highlighting the best of our prep baseball teams throughout East County. It seems that 13 El Capitan teens (nine boys and four girls), drunk, stupid and possibly under the influence of marijuana, were arrested for vandalizing mailboxes and violating curfew last Friday in Blossom Valley.

That's bad enough, but six of those involved were baseball players (one varsity, four junior varsity and one freshman). Coach **Steve Vickery** indicated that they would be suspended from their teams for one week. "I'm extremely disappointed," he said. "The bottom line is that these are great kids, but they just got misguided and had a bad night."

A "bad night?" Sorry to disagree with you, Steve, but destroying mailboxes, driving while drunk and breaking curfew laws, do not a "bad night" make. This is not school high jinks. These are serious and possibly deadly offenses. And the kids, irresponsible as they are, are nothing compared to their parents, who should have been keeping track of their offspring in the first place.

And just a one week suspension?! Come on! Why not just slap them on the wrists and send them to their rooms for an hour? If it were me, these idiots would be gone for the rest of the season. Steve Vickery is a friend of mine, but I think he should have put his patent leather spikes down on this kind of behavior - permanently.

Now on to some "good" kids. **Andy Schmidt**, a junior at Grossmont High, clocked two fast times in leading his Foothillers past El Cap 122-64 (I have no idea how they score swim meets, by the by), and **Stephanie Calhoun**, a sophomore on the Mount Miguel softball team, were named U-T Athletes of the Week. Good job.

Vickery, as well as **Gordy Thompson** (Granite Hills), **Jeff Boutelle** (West Hills), **Jerry Schniepp** (Helix), **Mark Smeiko** (Monte Vista) and **Jerry Henson** (Santana) are among the county leaders in wins for active baseball coaches.

Ironically, **Rob Phillips**, of Grossmont, the number one ranked team in San Diego (El Cap is #4, Granite Hills is #8, and Monte Vista is #10) and the number seven team in the nation, is not among these distinguished gentleman.

In another example that sports personalities (as well as politicians, actors, musicians and other celebrities) have no credibility whatsoever, Kentucky basketball coach Rich Pitino, who once said, "Nothing could ever make him leave" the school, opted to do just that, grabbing \$70 million over the next 10 years to transplant to Beantown to helm the Celtics. In order to avoid this kind of embarrassment, I will never say "never" to any potential job opportunity. And, neither should you.

We read that the Grossmont College women's tennis team was to play the College of the Desert for Southern California Dual Title Championship, last week in Colton, but could never find out what happened. If you know, please let me in on it.

Spring Valley synchronized swimmer **Emily Marsh** was selected to the national "A" team last week after trials at the Santa Clara International Swim Center. She will be part of the new national team (to replace the squad which retired after winning the Olympic gold medal in Atlanta - that group included **Margot Thein**, also of Spring Valley). Marsh will compete next in the World Cup event in Guangzhou, China in July.

We were proud to be at last Friday's Padre-Cub contest. Not so much to see two mediocre ball clubs combat each other, but to participate in "Randy Jones Night" at the stadium. Jones, the first Padre to win the Cy Young Award (Gaylord Perry and Mark Davis claimed it since), has connections not only with East County's Viejas Casino and Home of Guiding Hands, but is also a heckuva nice guy. And as far as I'm concerned, he is one San Diego ballplayer who truly deserves his number retired (not Steve Garvey, who seems to only babble about his Dodger days).

If you feel the same way, or even if you don't, please call me at 390-7103 with your news for this column. I'm always interested in what my readers think. And while you're at it, have a great sports week.

East County High Schools Varsity / Club Sports Schedules

(as available)

Tuesday, May 13 - Tuesday, May 20
(check with schools for times)

Tuesday - Softball: Granite Hills at Helix, Monte Vista at Valhalla, El Capitan at El Cajon Valley, Santana at West Hills. Baseball: Helix at Granite Hills, Valhalla at Monte Vista, El Cajon Valley at El Capitan, West Hills at Santana. Golf: First round league finals at Singing Hills.

Wednesday - Boys tennis: Mount Miguel at Valhalla, Monte Vista at Helix, Grossmont at West Hills, Santana at El Cajon Valley. Volleyball: Santana at El Cajon Valley, Monte Vista at Helix. Golf: Second round league finals.

Thursday - Baseball: Monte Vista at Granite Hills, Mount Miguel at Helix, El Cajon Valley at West Hills, El Capitan at Grossmont. Softball: Granite Hills at Monte Vista, Helix at Mount Miguel, West Hills at El Cajon Valley, Grossmont at El Capitan.

Hills at El Cajon Valley, Grossmont at El Capitan.

Monday - Baseball: Mount Miguel at Monte Vista, Valhalla at Granite Hills, West Hills at Grossmont, El Cajon Valley at Santana. Softball: Monte Vista at Mount Miguel, Granite Hills at Valhalla, Grossmont at West Hills, Santana at El Cajon Valley. Golf: CIF team championships at Warner Springs Ranch.

Tuesday (5/20) - Boys tennis: first round CIF team championships. Boys volleyball: first round CIF team championships. Baseball: Mount Miguel at Valhalla, Monte Vista at Helix, Santana at Grossmont, El Capitan at West Hills. Softball: Valhalla at Mount Miguel, Helix at Monte Vista, Grossmont at Santana, West Hills at El Capitan.

Padres honor Matt LaChappa again

by Greg Eichelberger

A year after a series of cardiac arrests ended his playing career and almost took his life, and after a Little League park in Lakeside was given his name recently, Matthew LaChappa was honored, once again, by the professional baseball team that signed him to his original contract in 1993.

LaChappa received a rousing, standing ovation from the crowd as he was announced in a pre-game ceremony before the Pads played the Philadelphia Phillies in April.

He was surrounded by friends, family and Padre personnel, including Saul Soltero and J.D. "Jim" Daniel (the two men who administered CPR after his heart attack in the bullpen of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes) and Priscilla Oppenheimer (Director of Minor League Operations), among others.

After being mobbed in the dugout by Padre players and manager Bruce Bochy, Matt, who had been left partially paralyzed by the still unknown malady which caused the attacks, was interviewed by no less than three television news organization on his day of days.

Then, wheeled to the pitching mound, the stricken 21-year-old, who after months of in a coma and many more in rehabilitation, is slowly beginning to develop the skills he once took for granted, handed the ball to Soltero who tossed it to Padres infielder Archi Cianfrocco, to complete the activity.

With tears in her eyes, Oppenheimer said that she had waited a year for this. "To have seen him back then and to see this now is incredible. What an inspiration," she added.

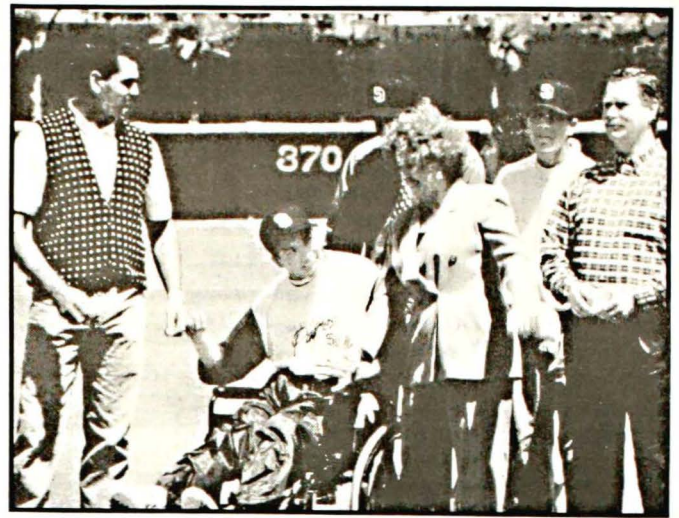
LaChappa's father, Clifford, the tribal chairman of the Barona Mission Indians, was also overcome at the event, saying that this, coupled with the field dedication in March, shows how much the Padres care about his son and the community as a whole.

"They're celebrating a life," he said. "They're recognizing the fact that he's here with us and will continue to be a wonderful example to everyone he touches."

In addition, the team is honoring Matt in a more subtle way, keeping his name on the minor league roster indefinitely, instead of just wiping his accomplishments off, now that he is unable to play.

"That's class," said Clifford LaChappa. Proud that his son is gaining strength every day, including recently taking four steps on the parallel bars, and has the full facilities of his mind and an unfaltering faith in his Savior, plus memory, humor and emotions, LaChappa said that, despite all that's happened to them, they are still blessed.

LaChappa added that once Matt learns how to walk again, the rest is a total recovery. A heretofore unknown aspect of the tragedy was revealed when the elder LaChappa stated that Matt had observed his family going in the wrong direction and get-



Matt LaChappa (center) is flanked by Saul Soltero, Priscilla Oppenheimer, J.D. Daniel and members of his family as he is honored at Jack Murphy/Qualcomm Stadium.
Photo by Greg Eichelberger

ting away from the ideals set forth in the Scriptures, and had asked the Lord to use him to bring them all together, even if it meant taking his life.

The elder LaChappa said that he thinks God loved Matthew so much that he allowed him to stay with us, which also helped us return to humility and back to serving Him and the inspiration that he has been to thousands of others is God's way of bringing us back together.

Thus, the young man is probably more of a positive role model as he is, than he ever would have been as a ballplayer.

Soltero, the pitching coach of the Quakes, said the affair was bittersweet, if anything. "Having Matt alive is wonderful," he commented, his voice choking

back the emotion of the moment. "But when I realize what he could have been, it's difficult to accept, sometimes."

Friends and relatives alike praised Matt's happy, cheerful attitude during this ordeal. The beaming continued as the team that he labored for, and the game he loved, showed its appreciation on that warm, sunny Sabbath afternoon.

In and of itself, that told the story of a person's undying faith in his God and hope in his future.

Clifford LaChappa said that you just have to believe that something greater than us has a hand in this whole thing, and that you just have to.

Asked what the day meant for him, Matt said, loudly and clearly, "Everything."



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